

Confirmation at St. Mark's on the 26th. ult. when thirty-one candidates were presented by the Rector. His Lordship gave an eloquent and impressive charge on the importance and benefit of Confirmation.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the adjourned vestry meeting of St. John's an address accompanied with a purse of gold was presented to the Rev. S. H. Gould, who has rendered such efficient service in this parish for the last two years.

TYENDINAGA.—The confirmation was held here by the Bishop of Ottawa, acting for the Archbishop of Ontario. The Bishop was assisted by Revs. Bogert, Fleming, Fraser, Smith and Coleman. The candidates were presented by the Incumbent, Rev. A. Smith. An impressive address was given by the Bishop. The choir and congregation sang with a will, the two hymns sung in the Mohawk language being particularly well rendered.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

During the Bishop's absence in England, the Ven. Archdeacon Roe will act as his Commissary. All letters on Diocesan business should therefore be addressed to the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D. Windsor Mills, P.Q.

BRACE.—The work at Moose River Mission continues to show many encouraging features. His Lordship, the Bishop of Maine, will visit the station there on Sunday, May 23rd., and administer the Apostolic rite of Confirmation to a class of eight candidates. Mr. Philip Callis, a student of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, will have charge of this work during the summer months.

BURY.—The dedication of the new St. Thomas' church duly took place on Wednesday the 21st. ult. The Bishop of Quebec officiated and also held a Confirmation service, at which eight candidates were presented. The Revs. A. H. Robertson, R.D.; H. S. Brooke and C. B. Washer were present. The church was full to overflowing, many persons standing outside. At the close of the service the congregation adjourned to the school house near by for an excellent lunch, supplied by the families of the neighbourhood. In the evening of the same day a Confirmation service was held in the village, at St. Paul's church, when eleven candidates were presented.

#### DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—The Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land met in Holy Trinity church on the 6th inst. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Archbishop assisted by Archdeacon Fortin, Canon Matheson and Rev. C. R. Littler. The synod afterwards met in the schoolhouse for the transaction of business. Rev. Canon Rogers was unanimously re-elected clerical secretary; and Mr. W. S. Becher was elected lay secretary. A synopsis of the business transacted by the executive committee was received and adopted. It was resolved that each parish and mission be requested to close its financial year on the 31st of March. The St. John's college report was presented by Canon Matheson, and adopted on his motion, seconded by the Dean. Reports were then presented by the secretary and considered, relating to matters of detail concerning deeds and policies of insurance. His Grace was asked to nominate committees on credentials, St. John's college, Sunday schools, primary education, statistics and offertories, church depository, parochial missions and clergy superannuation fund. The report of the diocesan S.P.C.K. society was read by Rural Dean Burman. The sales for the year amounted to £216 as against £217 last year. There is a small amount owing to the English society but it is covered by stock on hand. The reports of the rural deaneries were next received, as follows: Rural Dean Gill, Minnesota; Rural Dean Cowley, Selkirk; Rural Dean Hill for Boissevain; Rural Dean Macmorine for Portage la Prairie; Rural Dean Hewitt for Manitoba, and Rural Dean Burman for Lisgar. The Dean gave notice of a motion that in the opinion of the synod it is the duty of every member of the Church to discourage in every possible way the practice of gambling and betting. Mr. Mulock moved a motion of which he had given notice at the last synod: That this synod deplores the evils of intemperance, and believes that in the interests of Christianity and the common welfare every effort should be made to bring about the total suppression of the liquor traffic. The synod missionary meeting was held in the evening, the Archbishop in the chair, at which the Archbishop, Canon Matheson, Rev. A. E. Cowley, and Rev. George Gill were the speakers. At the assembling of the synod on Friday morning the scrutineers announced the following gentlemen elected to the different committees:—Executive committee—Clergy, Canon Matheson, Rural Dean Burman, Cowley, Macmorine, Gill and Hewitt, Canon Combes, Rev. C. R. Littler, Laymen, Messrs. F. H. Mathewson, Capt. Carruthers, H. S. Crotty, W. P. Sweatman, Sheriff Inkster, H. M. Howell, W. R. Mazouk, Thos. Robinson, J. G. Dagg, L. A. Hamilton. Delegates to the Provincial Synod—Clergy, Canon Matheson, Archdeacon Fortin, Dean O'Meara, Canon Rogers, Rural Dean Burman, Canon Combes, Rural Dean Macmorine; substitutes, Rev. A. E. Cowley, Rev. C. C. Owen, Rev. C. R. Littler. Laymen, Sheriff Inkster, Messrs. H. S. Crotty, F. H. Mathewson, H. M. Howell, L. A. Hamilton, Capt. Carruthers, W. P. Sweatman; substitutes, Messrs. W. R. Mulock, T. Robinson, J. G. Dagg. Very Rev. Dean O'Meara then read the report of the committee appointed to consider His Grace's charge. Clause 1 dealt with the references made by His Grace on the deaths of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle and the Primate of England and the elevation of Dean Grisdale to the bishopric of Qu'Appelle. Clause 2 referred to the extension of the work of the Church, and the necessity expressed by His Grace of dividing unwieldy parishes such as Dauphin. Clause 3 was sub-divided into five minor clauses. It deplored the action taken by the Synod of Montreal,

and that in the opinion of the committee their action would be fatal to the authority of synods in this country. Clause 4 was the subject of a protracted discussion. It suggested the changing of the time for the taking up of the collections for Indian missions from Epiphany to some more suitable season of the year, when money would be more easily procurable. Its adoption was moved, but opinions on the advisability of passing it were evidently divided. Clause 5 of the report dealt with the subject of primary education and fully endorsed the sentiments expressed by His Grace. The clergy were exhorted to take advantage of the privileges of giving religious instruction offered by the new school act. It was adopted. Clause 6 was also adopted. It stated that the Synod was glad to hear of the good work being done by St. John's college. It would support the resolution made at last year's synod that a sum of not less than \$2,000 be voted to the maintenance of the college. The committee further expressed its great pleasure in learning that His Grace, the Archbishop would be present at the celebration of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee, and also at the Lambeth Conference. Rev. Canon Rogers reported on behalf of the committee delegated to interview the Baptist authorities on the interference of Baptist missionaries with the Indian English Church converts on St. Peter's and another reserve. The report of the committee on Sunday schools was presented by Canon Combes at the opening of the afternoon session. Mr. Mulock's motion on the prohibition plebiscite was fully discussed. The Archbishop finally closed the debate by stating that he would vote against prohibition in the plebiscite. He had come to the conclusion that, while Holy Scripture condemns drunkenness in the most severe terms, and makes it a special sin, chiefly because the drunkard often sits in the seat of the scorner, yet it regards wine as a good gift of God, and very emblem of joy. His Grace held, therefore, that Holy Scripture allows that which was a great enjoyment to many, and he believed very healthful when properly used. He believed that in practice, prohibition would be a failure, and that in enacting it the country would be interfering with the free rights of the people and doing a grievous wrong to a large section of the community.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

NEWMARKET.—The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Toronto administered the rite of Confirmation to twenty-six candidates recently at St. Paul's. The church was appropriately decorated in honour of the solemn occasion. A very large congregation witnessed and participated in the impressive service. Besides the Bishop and the Rector of the parish, the Rev. E. H. Mussion of Aurora and Rev. A. C. Watt of Beeton were present.

PORT HOPE.—The adjourned meeting of St. Mark's vestry was held on the 3rd. inst., Rev. C. B. Kenrick presiding. A very satisfactory report was presented by the auditors who congratulated the congregation on the state of the business expressing high appreciation of the great services rendered to the old church by the Rector, Rev. C. B. Kenrick, during the two years of his incumbency and gratefully acknowledging the most generous contributions of Mrs. Kenrick to the restoration fund of the church. The organist, Miss Tuer, had her salary raised and a committee was appointed to look after the envelope system.

TORONTO.—The dedication festival of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine was held in the chapel of St. John's House on Major Street last Thursday. Service was held at 7 a.m., and in the afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock the Sisters received their friends and associates. Among those present were Dr. Perrin, Bishop of Columbia, B.C.; Provost Welch and Mrs. Welch. The many friends of the Sisters took this opportunity of showing their sympathy and the interest they took in the institution.

At the adjourned vestry meeting of St. Matthew's Rev. J. Scott Howard presided. Additional parochial officers were elected. It was decided to revive the parish magazine. Special votes of thanks were given to the envelope secretary, choir, the ladies, and the chiming ring, and prizes were given to Masters Norman Swanston, George Madder, Fred Farr and Leopold Broadhurst, choir boys, and to Harry Johnston.

Last Saturday afternoon the Toronto Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew met in St. Matthew's schoolhouse. Reports were presented of various departments of Brotherhood work and of proposed new work. Mr. W. H. Paget, of the Norway Chapter, read a paper on "Brotherhood Work Through the Province," and Mr. N. Ferrar Davidson spoke about the International Convention programme. At six o'clock tea was served by the ladies of the parish, the visitors expressing themselves very thankful for the generous hospitality with which they had been treated. At a quarter past seven evening prayer was said in the church by Dr. Langtry and the Rector, the Rev. J. Scott Howard. An address was presented to the Rev. J. C. Roper, on the occasion of his leaving Canada. A public meeting was held in the evening. Mr. J. A. Catto, of St. Simon's, presided over a conference on the subject of "The Non-Church Goer, His Excuses and Objections," which was debated by Mr. T. J. Johnson, of St. Matthew's, and Mr. W. H. Bythell, of St. Cyprian's. These gentlemen mentioned some of the objections and excuses most frequently put forward when Brotherhood calls were made. How to answer the excuses and objections was explained by the Rev. R. J. Moore, of St. Margaret's, at considerable length. Mr. Moore advised the clergy to mix more intimately with their parishioners, to listen to their talk, to interest themselves with their daily affairs, and to be sympathetic. The meeting was eminently successful.

Before his departure on Monday for England, the Rev. J. C. Roper was presented informally with a set of writing materials, mounted in silver. Miss Roper was the recipient of a silver salver, a slight mark of appreciation from her many friends.